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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
NAOTO TONOUCHI, ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATIONS DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 10/763,249 :
FILED: JANUARY 26, 2004 :
FOR: PEPTIDE-FORMING ENZYME GENE, PEPTIDE-FORMING ENZYME, AND
PEPTIDE PRODUCING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this response.